

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER UPDATE

GMP News from the Superintendent

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Dear Friends:

Over the past two years the planning team has been hard at work on the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site General Management Plan (GMP). This document will provide a vision for the future of the site and a practical framework for decision making. It will provide guidance to park managers on how to best protect park resources, how to provide for quality visitor experiences and how to manage visitation and visitor use. The GMP describes the general path the National Park Service intends to follow in managing Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site over the next twenty-year period. Our planning process is going well because we have received valuable input from you. Thanks for your help so far.

We are now presenting in this newsletter an executive summary of the draft GMP that was written after careful review and analysis of our three proposed management concepts. Your constructive discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of each of the three management concepts was instrumental in the selection of our preferred alternative as outlined in this executive summary.

The draft GMP will be available for public review in December, 2001. You are welcomed to obtain a copy of the plan by completing the enclosed card and mailing it to us. As always, we welcome your comments and value your perspectives.

You are invited to attend one of two public presentations of the alternatives considered in the draft GMP at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 at the Henderson County Public Library in Hendersonville, NC. Each meeting will include an overview of the planning process to date, a discussion of the preferred alternative being proposed, an opportunity for people to make formal statements, and a question and answer period with the planning team. Your thoughts are vital to the continued success of the planning process.

Thanks again for your participation. I look forward to seeing you on October 30.

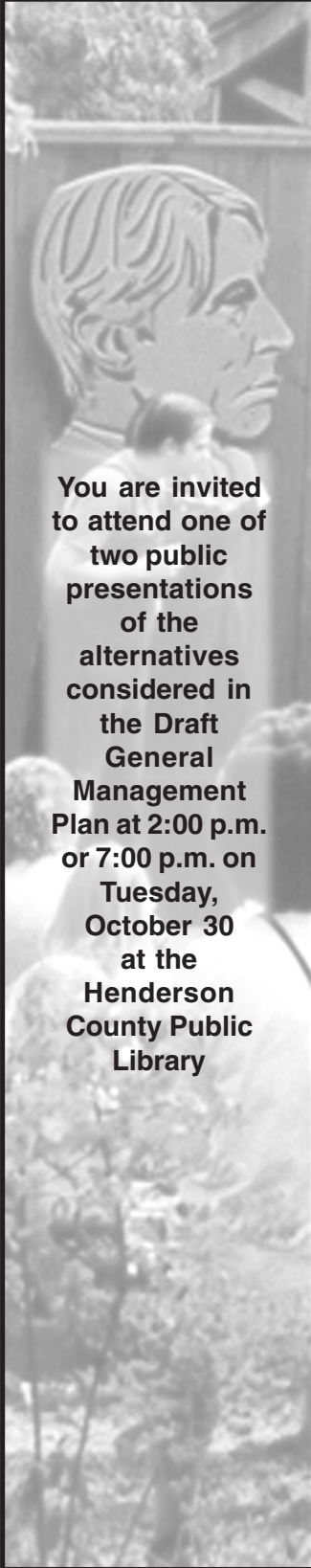
Best Regards,

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For additional information on the General Management Plan
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Draft General Management Plan and Executive Summary

A Draft General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement for Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site will be available for public review in December, 2001. You are welcomed to obtain a free copy of the plan by completing the enclosed card and mailing it to us. You may select from a variety of options to receive the plan: paper copy mailed to your address, electronic copy on CD mailed to your address, or notification by e-mail of plan availability on the internet. Copies of the plan may also be requested by e-mail from CARL_Superintendent@nps.gov or by calling the park at 828-693-4178.

The official public comment period for the draft plan will not begin until after it is distributed to the public in December. The public comment period will remain open for at least 30 days from the date the plan is distributed. The exact dates for the comment period will be announced with distribution of the document, posted on the GMP website at www.nps.gov/carl/gmp_info.htm, and published in the Federal Register.

After the official comment period for the Draft General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement has ended, all pertinent comments will be analyzed and the draft plan adjusted as necessary. A Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement will then be prepared and distributed for public review. The Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement is tentatively scheduled for distribution in March, 2002. If appropriate, the Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement could be approved for implementation in May, 2002.

The enclosed Executive Summary presents an overview of four alternatives (three action and one no-action alternatives) for the management of Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. Each of the alternatives proposes a different management philosophy to guide resource protection and visitor use decisions over the next 15-20 years. The alternatives and their potential environmental impacts are broadly outlined in this summary. The Draft General Management Plan will, of course, present the alternatives and their potential environmental impacts in much greater detail.

Public Meetings

You are invited to attend one of two public presentations of the alternatives considered in the Draft General Management Plan. A 45 minute presentation of the planning process and draft alternatives will be followed by an open question and answer session.

Meeting Location:

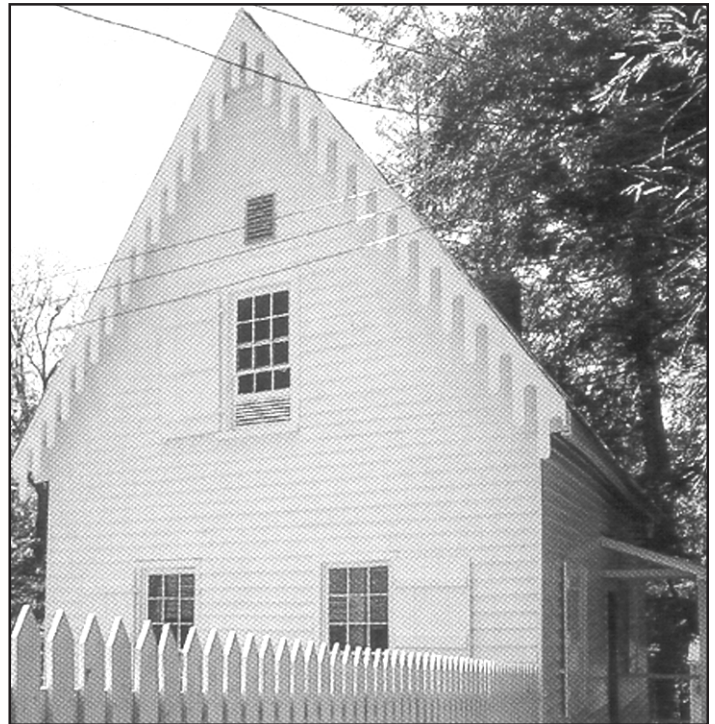
Hendersonville: Henderson County Public Library, 301 North Washington Street, Hendersonville NC

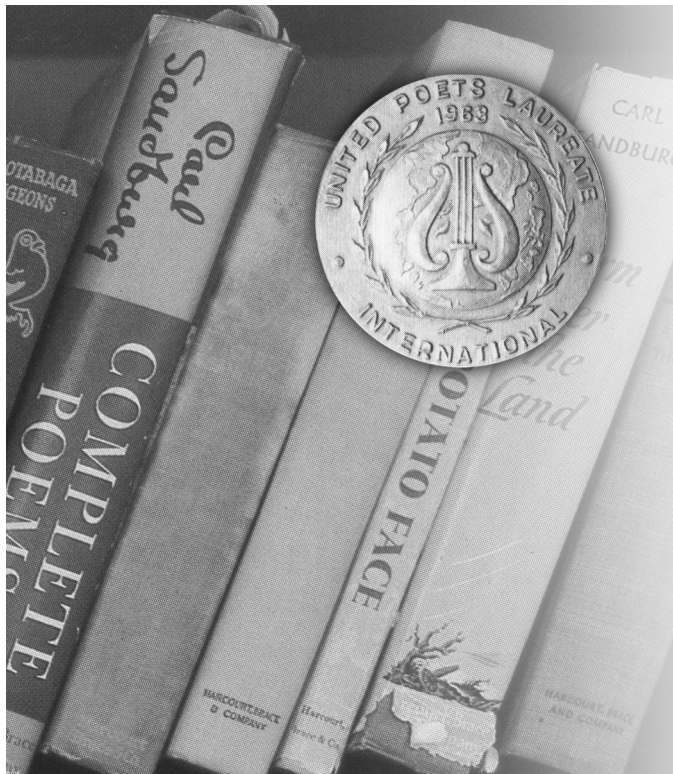
Meeting Date and Times:

Tuesday, October 30, 2001 -- 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm.

Persons wishing to make formal statements are welcomed to do so after the question and answer session has concluded but should limit their remarks to 5 minutes or less in order to allow as many people to speak as possible. Written statements will be accepted and forms will be provided for those who wish to submit them at the meeting.

Please be aware that due to public disclosure requirements, the National Park Service, if requested, is required to make the names and addresses of persons making written statements public. However, individual respondents may request that this information not be released. The National Park Service will then determine whether the information can be withheld under the Freedom of Information Act, and we will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.





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See newsletter for additional meeting details

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